

JMU JAZZ AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS- VIBES

FALL 2020

You will find two audition excerpts on the “Vibes” link:

#1: “Colorado All-State Jazz Etude”

#2: a backing track for *Now’s the Time* (a blues in F)

REQUIRED AUDITION MATERIALS:

- **If you are auditioning for a big band ONLY, non-improvising:** video record and submit #1 only
- **If you are auditioning for a big band ONLY: soloist and/or section player who wants the adjudicators to hear your sense of an improvised line:** video record both #1 and #2 (combined into one video submission; you may pause the video recorder in between the written excerpts and the backing track improvisation if you wish).
- **If you are auditioning ONLY for one of the Jazz Chamber Ensembles (combos):** video record and submit #2 only.
- **If you are auditioning for BOTH a combo and a big band:** video record both #1 and #2 (combined into one video submission; you may pause the video recorder in between the written excerpts and the backing track improvisation if you wish).

You must register for this audition using the google form linked in the “Jazz Audition Information” block; use that form to send a private Youtube video link to your completed audition recording (see the registration form for instructions on creating and submitting a private Youtube video link).

Your registration form and completed audition video must be submitted by 5:00 pm Monday, August 17th.

AUDITION INFORMATION: Colorado All-State Jazz Etude

1. Play the first excerpt only. Do not record the auxiliary percussion etude (#2).
2. As far as I know, no recording exists of these two etudes. Use your best sense of big band style.
3. Use the tempo marking indicated for each etude if possible. If you need to take the tempo down a bit, it’s always better to record at a tempo that allows you to play with a convincing sense of swing/groove, rather than *almost* making it at the written tempo. Do not play along with a metronome or any type of backing track (ie: Drum Genius) for this recording.

AUDITION INFORMATION: *Now's the Time* (blues in F)

Now's the Time - choose one of the following backing tracks. You may choose either the faster or slower version—the most important criterion is the quality of your time feel, not how fast you are going!

If you know the head, play it first, then record two choruses of improvising (the rhythm section on the “faster version” backing track comp for two choruses of the head before moving into straight ahead solo comping; if using this backing track, feel free to play the head twice if that feels better to you). Feel free to incorporate comping into your solo choruses; it is not necessary to record any choruses of strict comping, although you may include 2 choruses of comping before your improvised choruses if you like.

If you don't know the head, record two choruses each of comping (optional, see above) and improvisation immediately after the backing track counts you in.

Faster version:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/i2ocz3soycx9wlv/Now%27s%20the%20Time%20Aebrsld%20play-along%20%281%29.mp3?dl=0>

Slower version: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/1oa56k8oaou4r8/F%20blues-slower%20%281%29.mp3?dl=0>

Please make a test recording to make sure that the balance between your playing and the backing track is good on the recording that you submit (think 60% you and 40% backing track). It's highly advisable to connect a Bluetooth or other external speaker with your laptop/desktop/phone.

RECOMMENDED LISTENING:

Charlie Parker, original quintet recording with a young Miles Davis:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuVWNv2kEkE>

Charlie Parker, quartet recording, faster tempo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP29Qn00_Nw

Clifford Brown, trumpet; with Lou Donaldson, alto saxophone; Horace Silver, piano; Curly Russell, bass; Art Blakey, piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEnCya11yjc>

J.J. Johnson, trombone; Nat Adderley, cornet; Tommy Flanagan, piano; Tommy Potter, bass; Albert “Tootie” Heath, drums: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQPzOLrkIYU>

COLORADO ALL-STATE JAZZ ETUDES

VIBRAPHONE AND PERCUSSION - SET A

Years of:
2014-2015
2017-2018
2020-2021

COMPOSED BY MIKE TOMARO
AND DARIN KAMSTRA

MEDIUM SWING (♩=160)

mf

MODERATE SWING (♩=132)

Chord progression for Moderate Swing:

CMA9 F13 D13

mf

DM19 G+7(b9) 1. CMA9 A+7(b9) DM19 G+7(b9) 2. CMA9 Db13 CMA9

GMI9 C13 C+7(b9) FMA9 DM19

AMI9 D13 DM19 G13 G+7(b9) CMA9

MAMBO (♩=108)

CONGAS

ff

FILL

FILL

TIME (2-3 CLAVE)

TIME

mf

f

TIME

mf

FILL

FAST SAMBA (♩=126)

SHAKER

f

AGOGO BELLS

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